

# House File 573 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the county board of supervisors to decrease  
2 compensation paid to supervisors.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 331.435, Code 2009, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 331.435 BUDGET AMENDMENT.  
1 4 1. a. The board may amend the adopted county budget,  
1 5 subject to sections 331.423 through 331.426 and other  
1 6 applicable state law, to permit increases in any class of  
1 7 proposed expenditures contained in the budget summary  
1 8 published under section 331.434, subsection 3, or to permit a  
1 9 decrease in compensation paid to supervisors pursuant to  
1 10 subsection 2.

1 11 b. The board shall prepare and adopt a budget amendment in  
1 12 the same manner as the original budget, as provided in section  
1 13 331.434, and the amendment is subject to protest as provided  
1 14 in section 331.436, except that the director of the department  
1 15 of management may by rule provide that amendments of certain  
1 16 types or up to certain amounts may be made without public  
1 17 hearing and without being subject to protest. A county budget  
1 18 for the ensuing fiscal year shall be amended by May 31 to  
1 19 allow time for a protest hearing to be held and a decision  
1 20 rendered before June 30. An amendment of a budget after May  
1 21 31 which is properly appealed but without adequate time for  
1 22 hearing and decision before June 30 is void.

1 23 2. Notwithstanding the public hearing and protest  
1 24 requirements under subsection 1, paragraph "b", and the notice  
1 25 and hearing requirements of section 331.434, subsection 6, the  
1 26 board may, by resolution, amend the adopted county budget to  
1 27 decrease the compensation paid to supervisors during the  
1 28 current fiscal year. The amount of the decrease in  
1 29 compensation may be appropriated for use in any class of  
1 30 proposed expenditures contained in the budget summary  
1 31 published under section 331.434, subsection 3, or any other  
1 32 purpose authorized by statute.

1 33 Sec. 2. Section 331.907, subsection 2, Code 2009, is  
1 34 amended to read as follows:

1 35 2. At the public hearing held on the county budget as  
2 1 provided in section 331.434, the county compensation board  
2 2 shall submit its recommended compensation schedule for the  
2 3 next fiscal year to the board of supervisors for inclusion in  
2 4 the county budget. The board of supervisors shall review the  
2 5 recommended compensation schedule for the elected county  
2 6 officers and determine the final compensation schedule which  
2 7 shall not exceed the compensation schedule recommended by the  
2 8 county compensation board. In determining the final  
2 9 compensation schedule if the board of supervisors wishes to  
2 10 reduce the amount of the recommended compensation schedule,  
2 11 the amount of salary increase proposed for each elected county  
2 12 officer, except as provided in subsection 2A, shall be reduced  
2 13 an equal percentage. A copy of the final compensation  
2 14 schedule shall be filed with the county budget at the office  
2 15 of the director of the department of management. The final  
2 16 compensation schedule takes effect on July 1 following its  
2 17 adoption by the board of supervisors.

2 18 Sec. 3. Section 331.907, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
2 19 the following new subsection:

2 20 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The board of supervisors may adopt a

2 21 decrease in compensation paid to supervisors irrespective of  
2 22 the county compensation board's recommended compensation  
2 23 schedule or other approved changes in compensation paid to  
2 24 other elected county officers. A decrease in compensation  
2 25 paid to supervisors shall be adopted by the board of  
2 26 supervisors no less than thirty days before the county budget  
2 27 is certified under section 24.17.

2 28 EXPLANATION

2 29 This bill authorizes a county board of supervisors to  
2 30 decrease the compensation paid to county supervisors during  
2 31 the fiscal year by resolution of the board. The bill provides  
2 32 that certain requirements for notice and protest of budget  
2 33 amendments shall not apply to such a decrease in supervisors'  
2 34 salaries. The bill provides that the amount of the decrease  
2 35 in compensation may be appropriated by the board for use in  
3 1 any class of proposed expenditures contained in the budget  
3 2 summary or any other purpose authorized by statute.

3 3 The bill also allows a board of supervisors to adopt a  
3 4 decrease in compensation paid to supervisors irrespective of  
3 5 the county compensation board's recommended compensation  
3 6 schedule or other approved changes in compensation paid to  
3 7 other elected county officers. The bill provides that such a  
3 8 decrease in compensation paid to supervisors shall be adopted  
3 9 no less than 30 days before the county budget is certified.

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